EXHIBIT A



18-C-526

Judge: TOD KAUFMAN

AMBER D. HALL VS. GESTAMP WEST VIRGINIA, LLC.,

Plaintiff(s) Date Filed: 04/18/2018 Case Type: OTHER CIVIL

Plaintiff Attorney(s)

Appealed: 0 HALL, AMBER D.

Final Order Date: N/A D. ADRIAN HOOSIER, II|ERICA LORD Statistical Close Date: N/A

Defendant(s)

Defendant Attorney(s)Hearings:

GESTAMP WEST VIRGINIA, LLC., HOLSTEIN, BARRY HUGHES, SCOTT SUPRENANT, KENNETH

Pre-Trial Conference: 09/17/2020 - 10:00 AM

Original Trial: 10/05/2020 - 9:00 AM

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05/03/2018

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TO:

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RE:

Process Served in West Virginia

FOR:

Gestamp West Virginia, LLC (Domestic State: DE)

ENCLOSED ARE COPIES OF LEGAL PROCESS RECEIVED BY THE STATUTORY AGENT OF THE ABOVE COMPANY AS FOLLOWS:

TITLE OF ACTION:

AMBER D. HALL, Pltf. vs. GESTAMP WEST VIRGINIA, LLC, et al., Dfts.

DOCUMENT(S) SERVED:

Letter, Summons, Attachment(s), Complaint

COURT/AGENCY:

Kanawha County Circuit Court, WV Case # 18C526

NATURE OF ACTION:

Employee Litigation - Wrongful Termination - On April 25, 2017

ON WHOM PROCESS WAS SERVED:

C T Corporation System, Charleston, WV

DATE AND HOUR OF SERVICE:

By Certified Mail on 05/03/2018 postmarked on 05/01/2018

JURISDICTION SERVED:

West Virginia

APPEARANCE OR ANSWER DUE:

Within 30 days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of

service

ATTORNEY(S) / SENDER(S):

D. Adrian Hoosier, II Lord Hoosier PLLĆ 225 Hale Street Charleston, WV 25301

(304) 345-8030

ACTION ITEMS:

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I am enclosing:

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which was served on the Secretary at the State Capitol as your statutory attorney-in-fact. According to law, I have accepted service of process in your name and on your behalf.

Please note that this office has no connection whatsoever with the enclosed documents other than to accept service of process in your name and on your behalf as your attorney-in-fact. Please address any questions about this document directly to the court or the plaintiff's attorney, shown in the enclosed paper, not to the Secretary of State's office.

Sincerely,

Mac Warner Secretary of State

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF KANAWHA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

Civil Action: 18-C-526

Judge:

AMBER D. HALL,

Plaintiff.

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GESTAMP WEST VIRGINIA, LLC BARRY HOLSTEIN KENNETH SUPRENANT & SCOTT HUGHES.

Defendants.

SUMMONS

TO: **GESTAMP WEST VIRGINIA. LLC** c/o CT Corporation System 5400 D Big Tyler Rd.

Charleston, WV 25313

IN THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, you are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Adrian Hoosier, II, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Lord Hoosier, PLLC, 225 Hale Street, Charleston, WV 25301, an answer, including any related counterclaim you may have, to the complaint filed against you in the above styled civil action, a true copy of which is herewith delivered to you. You are required to serve your answer within 30 days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint and you will be thereafter barred for asserting in another action any claim you may have which must be asserted by counterclaim in the abovestyled civil action.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF KANAWHA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

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AMBER D. HALL,

Plaintiff,

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Civil Action No. 17-C- 52

Judge:

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GESTAMP WEST VIRGINIA, LLC, BARRY HOLSTEIN, KENNETH SUPRENANT, & SCOTT HUGHES,

Defendants.

COMPLAINT

- 1. Plaintiff was employed at Gestamp's facility in South Charleston, West Virginia from February 2014 to April 25, 2017.
- 2. On December 3, 2016, Plaintiff had an anxiety attack at work and was taken out of the building in an ambulance.
- 3. After that, Plaintiff's doctor placed her on FMLA from December 3 to December 19, 2016, in order to get treatment for her acute anxiety stemming from her PTSD.
- 4. Plaintiff continued to receive medical treatment for anxiety from her PTSD after she returned from FMLA.
 - 5. Plaintiff suffered another anxiety attack at work on January 17, 2017.
- 6. Plaintiff's doctors placed her on FMLA again from January 17 until March 20, 2017. She continued to receive treatment and therapy for her PTSD anxiety during this time.

- 7. Plaintiff called Scott Hughes, the HR Department Manager at Gestamp, to inform him that she was not sure when she would be released to come back to work.
- 8. Hughes informed Plaintiff that Gestamp's policies had changed, and that she had three months of FMLA to use in 2017.
- 9. Hughes also informed Plaintiff that she qualified for short-term disability, which would allow her to get paychecks at her base pay rate of just over \$1600 per two weeks while she recovered.
- 10. Plaintiff, on Hughes' advice, went on short-term disability concurrently with her FMLA leave, beginning on January 17, 2017.
- 11. On March 15, 2017, Plaintiff called Scott Hughes to inform him that she was requesting to return to work, that she was having her therapist agree to release her back to work, and that her psychiatrist would sign off as soon as her therapist did.
- 12. Hughes claimed to have sent a certified letter to Plaintiff to let her know she had used up her FMLA leave, telling her that he had sent it weeks before this March 15 phone call.
- 13. During this call, Plaintiff inquired why Hughes was telling her that her FMLA was used up given that in January, he told her she had three months of FMLA to use as needed.
 - 14. Hughes denied having told Plaintiff she had three months of FMLA leave.
- 15. Plaintiff received notice of this letter on March 15, the same day as her call with Hughes, when the postal service left her a notice that she had missed them and she would need to come sign for the letter at the post office.

- 16. Plaintiff left short-term disability on March 17, as she returned to work on Monday, March 20, 2017.
- 17. During the final three weeks before Plaintiff returned, her team leader (subordinate) Aaron Lambert was covering her position at Gestamp as a group leader (supervisor).
- 18. When Plaintiff returned to work, she approached her new supervisor Kenneth Suprenant, and asked him how her job duties had changed since Gestamp had created the supervisor position to manage the group leaders.
 - 19. Suprenant informed Plaintiff that her duties had not changed at all.
- 20. While Plaintiff was out of the plant on FMLA, her desk was in use by team leader Aaron Lambert, while he filled in for her.
- 21. Plaintiff asked about getting her desk back, and Suprenant told Plaintiff that she was not permitted to have her desk back until Rusty Mossberger came to the area and okayed it.
- 22. When Plaintiff returned, the Business Operating System boards near the lobby of the plant listed Aaron Lambert's name under Plaintiff's.
- 23. It was not standard practice for team leaders at Gestamp to take over the jobs of group leaders in perpetuity without a promotion, as group leaders are above team leaders in terms of pay scale and responsibilities.
- 24. Suprenant treated Lambert as Plaintiff's superior after her return to work at Gestamp, despite the fact Lambert should have been reporting directly to Plaintiff.

- 25. Plaintiff was one of only two female group leaders at Gestamp's South Charleston facility, out of twelve group leaders in the facility.
- 26. On April 11, 2017, Plaintiff was on the line speaking with her team leaders Rhonda Holbert, Chuck Pennington, and Chris Groom.
 - 27. Groom told Plaintiff that she was looking good.
- 28. Plaintiff was relating a story about working out at the gym when Erica Haynes approached the group and asked why everyone was laughing.
- 29. Plaintiff began relating the story to Haynes as well, leading to Plaintiff and Haynes exchanging positive comments about each others' posteriors.
 - 30. Haynes then made a comment praising Plaintiff's breasts.
- 31. Plaintiff reacted to this comment with further joking, understanding the interaction to be lighthearted and humorous.
 - 32. The parties parted ways without complaint.
- 33. Soon thereafter, Haynes submitted a request for absence to the Plaintiff for approval. Haynes submitted the request for absence on 3/28/2017- the request was denied- Haynes was told she could go to Suprenant to have it approved- she spent the day calling Plaintiff a "Bitch" down the line.
- 34. Plaintiff denied the request because it would have violated company rules by having over ten percent of her workers out on leave for that day.
- 35. Plaintiff advised Haynes that if she needed that day off, she could go to Suprenant and get him to approve it, as Plaintiff did not have the authority to approve leave which would violate Gestamp's ten percent headcount rule.

- 36. Haynes was incensed by this refusal and began complaining about Plaintiff to all who would listen for the rest of that day, walking the assembly line and referring to Plaintiff as "a bitch."
- 37. Haynes to the surprise of everyone, including Plaintiff had filed a complaint of sexual harassment against Plaintiff on April 21, 2017.
 - 38. Haynes had been moved out of Plaintiff's area at the plant on April 20, 2017.
- 39. Multiple plant personnel told Plaintiff that Kenneth Suprenant had coached Erica Haynes into filing a sexual harassment complaint against Plaintiff.
- 40. Suprenant and other plant management personnel allowed Plaintiff to continue to supervise Haynes during the weekend, from April 22 to 23, 2017.
- 41. Neither Suprenant nor any other Gestamp management personnel had yet approached the Plaintiff to reprime her over the sexual harassment complaint.
- 42. Neither Suprenant nor any other Gestamp management personnel had yet approached the Plaintiff to inform her of the complaint. Plaintiff was not placed on leave or prevented from coming into contact with the alleged victim.
- 43. Neither Suprenant nor any other Gestamp management personnel had yet approached the Plaintiff to reassign her to another area where she would not be overseeing the subject of her alleged harassment. If fact no changes were made at all. And Plaintiff was forced to cover an undesirable, and lengthy shift before she was fired.
- 44. On April 24, 2017, Rhonda Holbert came to Plaintiff and informed her that Erica Haynes had filed a complaint of sexual harassment against Plaintiff.

- 45. Plaintiff confronted Suprenant on April 24, 2017, about the sexual harassment complaint against her, and together they had a discussion about it in Scott Hughes' office.
- 46. In response to Plaintiff's attempts to address the sexual harassment complaint, Suprenant disdainfully dismissed the Plaintiff, saying "Why would I discuss this with you?" Plaintiff then was approached by Suprenant in his office directly and alone the conversation was moved to Scott Hughes office, after Suprenant said, "let's take this to HR." Once the parties were in "HR" others joined.
- 47. In attendance for this discussion was Kenneth Suprenant, Rusty Mossberger, Scott Hughes, the Plaintiff, and, at the Plaintiff's insistence over the repeated objections of the men (Scott Hughes did not want Kristina Dodd involved) in attendance, Kristina Dodd.
- 48. Plaintiff did not deny making the comments to Haynes, but gave them context and asked if they were investigating Haynes for her comments about Plaintiff's body.
- 49. On April 25, 2017, Plaintiff was terminated, allegedly for her "sexual harassment" of Erica Haynes.
- 50. Scott Hughes claimed in Plaintiff's unemployment hearing that the investigation into Plaintiff was concluded within one day.
- 51. Hughes acknowledged that it is highly irregular for a sexual harassment investigation to be resolved within one day, and that he could not recall any other time at

Gestamp's South Charleston facility when such a complaint had been resolved within one day.

- 52. Plaintiff had previously filed a complaint of sexual harassment against Barry Holstein. Holstein aggressively pursued Hall to engage in a sexual relationship.
- 53. Holstein asked Plaintiff out for drinks and dinner, over which he said they could discuss her future opportunities at the plant.
 - 54. Plaintiff declined this invitation.
- 55. Thereafter, Holstein made Plaintiff's time at work unpleasant however he could in retaliation for her rejection of his advances.
- 56. Plaintiff complained about this treatment to Nancy Paxton, the HR Department Manager at that time.
- 57. Paxton relayed all that Plaintiff had told her to Holstein, causing Holstein to confront Plaintiff about her complaints.
- 58. Holstein told the Plaintiff she was not to take her complaints to HR or any higher-ups, and that she must speak to him regarding any further complaints.
- 59. After this confrontation, Plaintiff perceived that her initial complaint to Paxton had failed; she then approached Paxton again to ask for aid with Holstein's mistreatment.
- 60. Paxton again failed to take action to prevent Plaintiff's harassment by Holstein, causing Plaintiff to take her complaints higher to Paul Lezanic, the plant manager at that time.

- 61. Lezanic responded to Plaintiff's complaints by saying he worried about her mental health, and that maybe this job wasn't for her.
- 62. Plaintiff tried one more time to convince Lezanic to take action to remove her from under Barry Holstein's supervision, and once more Lezanic refused to address the situation.
- 63. Plaintiff then tried to reach Gestamp's corporate HR for help with her harassment by Holstein, and they told her to meet with her plant manager to address her issues.
- 64. By this time a new plant manager was in charge, Walter Thomas, so Plaintiff met with him and complained of her mistreatment by Holstein due to rejecting Holstein's advances. Thomas told her to write a formal complaint so that HR could do an investigation.
- 65. Plaintiff wrote a formal complaint against Holstein, as directed by the plant manager, and submitted it to HR at Gestamp's South Charleston facility. (This complaint was sent directly by email to Scott Hughes and Walter Thomas).
- 66. Gestamp's HR department took no action on the complaint, saying that the allegations could not be substantiated. (Again, Scott Hughes)
- 67. Holstein's mistreatment of Plaintiff continued, exacerbating her PTSD anxiety, until he resigned to take another position at a different company.
- 68. Upon her termination on April 25, Plaintiff was walked out of the plant by Kenneth Suprenant.

- 69. Erica Haynes was heard telling other employees "you're welcome," as Plaintiff was being led out of the plant. (Haynes was doing this while Plaintiff was being walked out and after her termination obviously damaging, embarrassing and insulting to plaintiff who was being retaliated against.)
- 70. Haynes was promptly promoted to work in launch coordination at Gestamp's South Charleston facility after Plaintiff's termination. She was to work with Aaron Lambert.
- 71. Plaintiff was illegally targeted for termination due to her medical leave and issues with PTSD anxiety and her gender, female.
- 72. Termination due to Plaintiff's disability and/or gender is a violation of the West Virginia Human Rights Act.
- 73. Defendant Gestamp is a limited liability company authorized to do business in the State of West Virginia with its principal place of business in Troy, Michigan.
- 74. Defendants Suprenant and/or Hughes are and at all times relevant hereto have been a residents of the State of West Virginia. Defendant Suprenant and/or Hughes conspired, aided, and abetted Defendant Gestamp in discrimination against Plaintiff based upon disability and gender.
- 75. Plaintiff reserves right to amend to allege claims for violations of public policy, namely relation for plaintiff's complaints, her taking leave to address medical concerns, complaints of sexual harassment, and violations of the Equal Pay Act.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands against Defendants damages for lost wages, the value of lost benefits, damages for mental and emotional distress, punitive damages,

costs and attorney's fees, injunctive relief including but not limited to reinstatement, and such other and further relief as may upon the premises be appropriate.

Jury Trial Demanded.

AMBER D. HALL, Plaintiff by Counsel,

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF KANAWHA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

AMBER D. HALL,

Plaintiff,

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Civil Action: 18-C-526 Judge: Kaufman

GESTAMP WEST VIRGINIA, LLC BARRY HOLSTEIN KENNETH SUPRENANT & SCOTT HUGHES,

Defendants.

SUMMONS

KENNETH SUPRENANT TO:

> 42 Bridlewood Rd. Charleston, WV 25314

IN THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, you are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Adrian Hoosier, II, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Lord Hoosier, PLLC, 225 Hale Street, Charleston, WV 25301, an answer, including any related counterclaim you may have, to the complaint filed against you in the above styled civil action, a true copy of which is herewith delivered to you. You are required to serve your answer within 30 days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint and you will be thereafter barred for asserting in another action any claim you may have which must be asserted by counterclaim in the abovestyled civil action.

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	☐ Personal Injury	☐ Real Property	☐ Miscellaneous Civil
	☐ Product Liability	☐ Mental Health	☑ Other - Employment
	☐ Other Tort	☐ Appeal of Administrative Agency	
IV. DO YOU OR ANY OF YOUR CLIENTS OR WITNESSES IN THIS CASE REQUIRE SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS DUE TO A DISABILITY OR AGE? ☐ YES ☒ NO IF YES, PLEASE SPECIFY: ☐ Wheelchair accessible hearing room and other facilities ☐ Interpreter or other auxiliary aid for the hearing impaired ☐ Reader or other auxiliary aid for the visually impaired ☐ Spokesperson or other auxiliary aid for the speech impaired ☐ Other:			
Attorney Name: Raj A. Shah, Esquire (#11269) Firm: Hendrickson & Long, PLLC Address: P.O. Box 11070, Charleston, WV, 25339 Telephone: (304) 346-5500 Representing: Plaintiff Cross-Complainant Cross-Defendant			
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF KANAWHA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

AMBER D. HALL,)
Plaintiff,)
v.)
GESTAMP WEST VIRGINIA,	Civil Action No. 18-C-526
LLC, BARRY HOLSTEIN, KENNETH SUPRENANT, and) Honorable Tod J. Kaufman
SCOTT HUGHES,)
Defendants.)

<u>DEFENDANT GESTAMP WEST VIRGINIA, LLC'S ANSWER AND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES</u>

COMES NOW Defendant Gestamp West Virginia, LLC ("Defendant Gestamp" or "Gestamp"), by and through undersigned counsel, for and in answer to Plaintiff's Complaint, and says as follows:

ANSWER TO COMPLAINT'S PARAGRAPHS

- 1. In response to paragraph 1 of the Complaint, Gestamp admits the allegations of the paragraph.
- 2. In response to paragraph 2 of the Complaint, Gestamp admits that Plaintiff left work in an ambulance on or about December 3, 2016, and is without information sufficient to admit or deny whether Plaintiff had an anxiety attack, and therefore denies the paragraph's remaining allegations.

- 3. In response to paragraph 3 of the Complaint, Gestamp admits that Plaintiff was approved for FMLA leave from December 3 19, 2016, and is without information sufficient to admit or deny whether Plaintiff was getting treatment for acute anxiety stemming from PTSD, and therefore denies the paragraph's remaining allegations.
- 4. In response to paragraph 4 of the Complaint, Gestamp is without information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations of the paragraph, and therefore denies the allegations of the paragraph.
- 5. In response to paragraph 5 of the Complaint, Gestamp is without information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations of the paragraph, and therefore denies the allegations of the paragraph.
- 6. In response to paragraph 6 of the Complaint, Gestamp admits that Plaintiff was approved for FMLA leave from January 17 March 20, 2017, and is without information sufficient to admit or deny the paragraph's remaining allegations, and therefore denies the allegations of the paragraph.
- 7. In response to paragraph 7 of the Complaint, the paragraph is so vague that Gestamp is without information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations of the paragraph, and therefore denies the allegations of the paragraph.
- 8. In response to paragraph 8 of the Complaint, Gestamp denies the allegations of the paragraph.

- 9. In response to paragraph 9 of the Complaint, Gestamp admits that Scott Hughes told Plaintiff that she might qualify for short-term disability. Except as expressly admitted herein, Gestamp denies the allegations of the paragraph.
- 10. In response to paragraph 10 of the Complaint, Gestamp admits that Plaintiff went on short-term disability on or about January 17, 2017, and denies the remaining allegations of the paragraph.
- 11. In response to paragraph 11 of the Complaint, Gestamp denies the allegations of the paragraph.
- 12. In response to paragraph 12 of the Complaint, Gestamp admits that it sent Plaintiff a certified letter explaining that her leave was set to expire. Except as expressly admitted herein, Gestamp denies the allegations of the paragraph.
- 13. In response to paragraph 13 of the Complaint, Gestamp denies the allegations of the paragraph.
- 14. In response to paragraph 14 of the Complaint, Gestamp denies the allegations of the paragraph.
- 15. In response to paragraph 15 of the Complaint, Gestamp is without information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations of the paragraph, and therefore denies the allegations of the paragraph.

- 16. In response to paragraph 16 of the Complaint, Gestamp admits that Plaintiff did not receive short-term disability payments once she returned to work, and denies the remaining allegations of the paragraph.
- 17. In response to paragraph 17 of the Complaint, Gestamp admits that Team Leader Aaron Lambert filled in as acting supervisor at times during Plaintiff's absence, and denies the remaining allegations of the paragraph.
- 18. In response to paragraph 18 of the Complaint, Gestamp denies the allegations of the paragraph.
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Plaintiff's conduct protected by law was not the "but for cause" in any of the personnel actions taken with respect to Plaintiff.

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Even should the finder of fact determine that Plaintiff's alleged protected status played any part in the termination of Plaintiff's employment, Defendants pleading the mixed motive defense, aver that such actions would have been taken in any event for legitimate, non-discriminatory, non-retaliatory reasons.

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Plaintiff is not, and has not been at any time relevant to this action, a qualified individual with a disability.

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Gestamp did not regard Plaintiff as an individual with a physical or mental impairment substantially limiting a major life activity.

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and/or any accommodation would have imposed undue hardship on Gestamp.

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Defendant acted in good faith with regard to any and all employment and pay decisions regarding Plaintiff.

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Defendant Gestamp maintained an effective policy prohibiting discrimination in employment, and Plaintiff unreasonably failed to take advantage of the policy.

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Plaintiff is not entitled to punitive damages because none of the actions taken by the Defendants relative to Plaintiff were taken maliciously, intentionally,

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in bad faith or with callous or reckless disregard for Plaintiff's protected rights, and Plaintiff cannot satisfy the appropriate burden to prove these.

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At all relevant times, Plaintiff was an employee-at-will of Defendant Gestamp.

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Plaintiff engaged in no protected activity, or, alternatively, would have been treated no differently even had she not engaged in the protected activity alleged.

TWENTY-SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

There is no causal connection between the alleged protected activity and the alleged adverse action.

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Plaintiff's claims are barred in whole or in part because the damages alleged are too speculative to allow recovery.

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TWENTY-NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Defendants reserve the right to assert additional affirmative defenses as they become known or available.

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AND NOW having responded to the Complaint against it and incorporating all defenses asserted herein, Defendants demand that the Complaint against them be dismissed with prejudice, and with all costs assessed against the Plaintiff.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify a copy of the foregoing ANSWER AND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES TO COMPLAINT has been served on the following by directing same to their office addresses through first-class, United States mail, postage prepaid, on this the 30th day of May, 2018:

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LLC, BARRY HOLSTEIN,	
KENNETH SUPRENANT, and) Honorable Tod J. Kaufman
SCOTT HUGHES,)
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Defendants.)

DEFENDANT KENNETH SUPRENANT'S ANSWER AND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES TO PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT

COMES NOW Defendant Kenneth Suprenant, an individual, ("Defendant Suprenant" or "Suprenant"), by and through undersigned counsel, for and in answer to Plaintiff's Complaint, and says as follows:

ANSWER TO COMPLAINT'S PARAGRAPHS

1. In response to paragraph 1 of the Complaint, Suprenant is without information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations of the paragraph, admits that Plaintiff was employed for Gestamp West Virginia for a time, and denies the remaining allegations of the paragraph.

- 2. In response to paragraph 2 of the Complaint, Suprenant is without information sufficient to admit or deny whether Plaintiff had an anxiety attack on December 3, 2016, and therefore denies the paragraph's remaining allegations.
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Plaintiff's claims are barred in whole or in part because the damages alleged are too speculative to allow recovery.

TWENTY-SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Suprenant did not make the decision to terminate Plaintiff.

TWENTY-EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Defendant is not guilty of unlawful discrimination or retaliation against plaintiff.

TWENTY-NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Defendant expressly denies all allegations not specifically admitted herein.

THIRTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Defendant reserves the right to assert additional affirmative defenses as they become known or available.

AND NOW having responded to the Complaint against him and incorporating all defenses asserted herein, Defendant Suprenant demands that the Complaint against him be dismissed with prejudice, and with all costs assessed against the Plaintiff.

Raj A. Shah (WV State Bar # 11269)

ATTORNEY FOR DEFENDANTS
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SCOTT HUGHES

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF KANAWHA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

AMBER D. HALL,)
Plaintiff,))
v.)
GESTAMP WEST VIRGINIA,	Civil Action No. 18-C-526
LLC, BARRY HOLSTEIN, KENNETH SUPRENANT, and) Honorable Tod J. Kaufman
SCOTT HUGHES,)
Defendants.)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify a copy of the foregoing ANSWER AND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES TO COMPLAINT has been served on the following by directing same to their office addresses through first-class, United States mail, postage prepaid, on this the 1st day of June, 2018:

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Civil Action: 18-C-526 Judge: Tod J. Kaufman

GESTAMP WEST VIRGINIA, LLC BARRY HOLSTEIN KENNETH SUPRENANT & SCOTT HUGHES,

Defendants.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Counsel for Plaintiff, Amber Hall, certifies the foregoing "Plaintiff Amber Hall's

First Set of Interrogatories and Requests for Production of Documents to

Defendants," by sending a true exact copy this 14th day of June 2018, by United

States mail, postage prepaid, to the following:

Raj A. Shah, Esq. (WVSB # 11269) Hendrickson & Long, PLLC P.O. Box 11070 Charleston, WV 25339 (304) 346-5500

D. Adrian Hoosier, II (WVSB # 10013)

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SUPRENANT, and SCOTT HUGHES,	Honorable Tod J. Kaufman
Defendants.))

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I hereby certify a copy of the foregoing Defendant Gestamp West Virginia, LLC's First Interrogatories, Requests for Production of Documents and Requests for Admissions to Plaintiff Amber Hall has been served on the following by directing same to their office addresses through first-class, United States mail, postage prepaid, on this the 22nd day of June, 2018:

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KENNETH SUPRENANT &	
SCOTT HUGHES,	
)	
Defendant.	

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing **DEFENDANT KENNETH SUPRENANT'S RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFF AMBER HALL'S FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES AND REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS** via electronic mail as well as by U.S. First Class Mail, hand delivery or fax on this the 16th day of July, 2018:

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SCOTT HUGHES,)
Defendant.)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing **DEFENDANT GESTAMP WEST VIRGINIA, LLC'S RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFF AMBER HALL'S FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES AND REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS** via electronic mail as well as by U.S.
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August 31, 2018

Cathy S. Gatson, Clerk Kanawha County Judicial Building P.O. Box 2351 111 Court Street Charleston, WV 25301 GESTA.000005

> RE: Amber D. Hall v. GESTAMP West Virginia, LLC, et al.

> > Civil Action No. 18-C-526

Dear Clerk Gatson:

Enclosed for filing in the above referenced matter please find the original "Motion for Pro Hac Vice Admission of Ronald W. Flowers, Jr."

Complete copies of these documents have this day been provided to counsel of record via First Class US Mail.

Thank you for your time and assistance with this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

HENDRICKSON & LONG, PLLC

Kay A. Shahlest

Raj A. Shah

RAS/cf Enclosure

cc:

D. Adrian Hoosier, II

Erica Lord

Tod. J. Kaufman, Judge

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MOTION FOR PRO HAC VICE ADMISSION OF RONALD W. FLOWERS, JR.

Pursuant to Rule 8.0(b) of the Rules of Admission to the Practice of Law in the State of Virginia, Raj A. Shah, as a member in good standing of the West Virginia State Bar, who agrees to and will be the responsible local attorney in this matter under Rule 8.0 of the Rules of Admission to the practice of Law in the State of West Virginia, hereby moves this Court to grant Ronald W. Flowers, Jr., an attorney who is not licensed and admitted to the practice of law in West Virginia, the privilege to appear before this Court, for the purpose of representing the Defendants in this proceeding.

The Verified Statement of Application of Ronald W. Flowers, Jr., for *Pro Hac Vice*Admission is attached hereto and submitted herewith in support of this Motion.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned respectfully moves that this court approve the admission pro hac vice of Ronald W. Flowers, Jr., representing Defendants in this matter.

8-50-18

Raj A. Shah (WV State Bar No: 11269)

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GESTAMP WEST VIRGINIA, LLC, BARRY
HOLSTEIN, KENNETH SUPRENANT, AND
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Defendants.)	
STATE OF ALABAMA)		
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON)		

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Ronald W. Flowers, Jr., who, after being duly sworn by me, deposes and says:

1. I am a member of good standing admitted to practice law in the following bars:

Court	Date Admitted	Keeper of the Rolls
United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama	September 2002	Ms. Debra P. Hackett, Clerk of Court U.S. District Court P.O. Box 711 Montgomery, AL 36101-0711 (334) 954-3600
United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama	September 2002	Sharon Harris, Clerk of Court U.S. District Court Huge L. Black U.S. Courthouse 1729 Fifth Avenue North Birmingham, AL 35203
United States District Court for the Southern District of Alabama	September 2004	Charles R. Diard, Jr., Clerk of Court U.S. District Court Southern District of Alabama 113 St. Joseph Street Mobile, AL 36602 (251) 690-2371

Alabama State Courts	September	Julia Jordan Weller, Clerk
	2002	Supreme Court of Alabama
		300 Dexter Avenue
		Montgomery, AL 36104
		(334) 229-0700

- 2. That I make this affidavit in support of the Motion to Admit *Pro Hac Vice* for purposes of representing Defendants as co-counsel in all matters relating to this case.
- 3. I am a partner with the law firm of Burr & Forman, LLP, 420 North 20th Street, Suite 3400, Birmingham, Alabama 35203.
- 4. There are no disciplinary proceedings in the above-referenced jurisdictions with respect to my capacity to practice law or with regard to my conduct as an attorney.
- 5. It is respectfully submitted that there is good cause for my admission *pro hac vice* so that I may adequately assist in defending my clients' interest in the lawsuit it is involved in within the jurisdiction of West Virginia.
- 6. I have not been admitted *pro hac vice* in any jurisdiction in the State of West Virginia within the preceding 24 months.
- 7. Attached hereto as exhibit "A" is a list of members of my firm who have appeared before or been involved in any other matters before a West Virginia tribunal or judicial body in the preceding 24 months.
- 8. I am familiar with and understand that I shall be governed by the local rules of this court, the rules of professional conduct, and all other requirements governing the professional behavior of members of the West Virginia State bar, as well as all laws, rules and regulations of West Virginia state and local governments. I agree to comply with all laws, rules and regulations of West Virginia state and local governments, where applicable, including taxing authorities and any standards for pro bono civil and criminal indigent defense legal services.

- 9. I will associate in this matter with West Virginia counsel of record Raj. A. Shah, West Virginia Bar ID No. 11269, of Hendrickson & Long, PLLC, 214 Capitol Street, Charleston WV 25339. Raj A. Shah agrees to participate in the matter evidenced by his endorsement upon the verified statement of application below.
- 10. I have submitted the three-hundred fifty-dollar (\$350.00) payment for pro hac vice admitted to the West Virginia State Bar. A copy of the payment is attached as exhibit "B".
- 11. Accordingly, I hereby request that the Court permit me to appear and participate as counsel for Defendants.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Ronald W. Flowers, Jr.

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Raj A. Shah (WV State Bar No.: 11269)

Co-Counsel for Defendants

STATE OF ALABAMA)

COUNTY OF JEFFERSON)

The foregoing instrument was subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of August, 2018, by Ronald W. Flowers, Jr., who is personally known and produced his drivers' license as identified, and who took an oath.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: /

Exhibit A

Attorney	Case	Court
Reid Manley	Sharon Dillon v. Capital One	Circuit Court of Raleigh County 16-C-49-H
Reid Manley	Richard and Deborah Davis v. Capital One	Circuit Court of Cabell County 16-C-112
Reid Manley	Thomas Horton v. Capital One	Circuit Court of Raleigh County 16-C-149-H
Reid Manley	Robert and Theresa Tyree v. Capital One	Circuit Court of Raleigh County 16-C-152-H
Reid Manley	Lawrence Hayes v. Capital One	Circuit Court of Preston County 16-C-56
Reid Manley	Lynne Sandy v. Capital One	Circuit Court of Kanawha County 16-C-717
Reid Manley	James Hamrick v. Capital One	Circuit Court of Raleigh County 16-C-415
Reid Manley	Michael & Kristi Dial v. Capital One	Circuit Court of Raleigh County 16-C-467-B
Reid Manley	Barbara Ridenhour v. Capital One	Circuit Court of Fayette County 16-C-245
Reid Manley	Jeffrey Armentrout v. Capital One	Circuit Court of Webster County 16-C-29
Reid Manley	Ricky & Kimberly Hall v. Capital One	Circuit Court of Logan County 16-C-187-W
Reid Manley	Marcie Biggs v. Capital One	Circuit Court of Putnam County 16-C-214
Reid Manley	Danny & Jodi Arthur v. Capital One	Circuit Court of Cabell County 16-C-586
Reid Manley	Julie Osborne v. Capital One	Circuit Court of Greenbrier County 16-C-168
Reid Manley	Ellen Eads v. Capital One	Circuit Court of Raleigh County 16-C-732-K
Reid Manley	Steven & Paula Dempsey v. Capital One	Circuit Court of Putnam County 16-C-300
Reid Manley	John & Trina Walker v, Capital One	Circuit Court of Kanawha County 16-C-1865
Reid Manley	George McSorley v, Capital One	Circuit Court of Wayne County 17-C-023
Reid Manley	Louis H. Dillon v. Capital One	Circuit Court of Raleigh County 17-C-106-D
Reid Manley	James & Charlotte Green v, Capital One	Circuit Court of Raleigh County 17-C-93-D
Reid Manley	Thomas & Kimberly Waugh v. Capital One	Circuit Court of Cabell County 17-C-247

Reid Manley	Stephen Pugh v. Capital One	Circuit Court of Mercer County 17-C-275
Reid Manley	Robert Rutledge v. Capital One	Circuit Court of Raleigh County 17-C-375
Reid Manley	Eula Ewing v. Capital One	Circuit Court of Mercer County 17-C-361-D
Reid Manley	Rodney Crisp v. Capital One	Circuit Court of Kanawha County
•		17-C-1643
Reid Manley	James & Ann Perdue v. Capital One	Circuit Court of Fayette County 18-C-6
Reid Manley	Timothy & Sandra Stormes v. Capital	United States Bankruptcy
	One Bank, N.A.	Court Southern District of
		West Virginia 3:16-ap-03007
Reid Manley	Cliff Yuill v. Capital One Bank, N.A.	United States District Court
		Southern District of West
		Virginia 3:17-cv-03436
Kip Nesmith	Aida S.R.I. v. Gestamp West Virginia, LLC	Circuit Court of Kanawha County 16-C-1065
Kip Nesmith	Kenneth Harrison & Lisa Harrison	Circuit Court of Kanawha County
•	v. Gestamp North America, Inc.	15-C-877
Rik Tozzi	James Kenneth Legg v. Capital	Circuit Court of Nicholas County
	One Bank (USA), N.A. and	16-C-84

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Exhibit B

From: The West Virginia State Bar [mailto:support@wvbar.org]

Sent: Thursday, August 30, 2018 2:43 PM
To: Flowers, Ronald rflowers@burr.com>

Cc: cheryl@wvbar.org; Flowers, Ronald <rflowers@burr.com>

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The West Virginia State Bar

Thank you for submitting your information. Please save a copy of this message as your receipt.

You will be contacted if further information is needed.

Decisions of granting or denying Pro Hac Vice motions are not made by The West Virginia State Bar, but by the tribunal to which the motion was submitted.

The West Virginia State Bar is in receipt of your motion to admit counsel pro hac vice which identifies you as local counsel for the proposed visiting attorney.

The West Virginia State Bar's Unlawful Practice of Law Committee wants to ensure that the sponsoring attorney is aware of the requirements and responsibilities that he or she has when serving in this capacity. At the request of that Committee, I have attached a copy of Rule 8.0 of the Rules for Admission to the Practice of Law and a copy of the Unlawful Practice of Law Committee's Advisory Opinion 2010-001, which provides the Committee's directives to both the local attorney and the attorney seeking admission pro hac vice regarding the obligations that each of those attorneys have in their respective capacities. Please review these requirements. The Committee also directs that you provide this information to visiting counsel, and ensure that he or she is familiar with the requirements contained therein.

Please find additional info in these 2 files: https://www.mywvbar.org/sites/default/files/emails/Rule8.pdf https://www.mywvbar.org/sites/default/files/emails/AO %202010-001.pdf

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE FOR MOTION FOR PRO HAC VICE ADMISSION OF RONALD W. FLOWERS, JR.

I, Raj A. Shah, do hereby certify that I served the foregoing Motion for Pro Hac Vice Admission of Ronald W. Flowers, Jr. by mailing a true copy thereof to the following parties or counsel of record, by U.S. Mail, with postage prepaid, on this the _____3o+___ day of August, 2018:

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Attorneys for Plaintiff

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Pursuant to the Motion for Admission	ns Pro Hac Vice of Ronald W. Flowers, Jr., it is
hereby ORDERED that said Motion is GRAN	TED and that Ronald W. Flowers, Jr., is admitted
to practice pro hac vice as counsel for Defenda	ents in this civil action.
The Clerk is hereby directed to forward	ard attested copies of this Order to all counsel of
record.	
ENTERED this day of	, 2018.
	Judge Tod J. Kaufman
Prepared by: Raj A. Shah (WV Bar #11269) Hendrickson & Long, PLLC P. O. Box 11070 214 Capitol Street Charleston, West Virginia 23339 (304) 346-5500	

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF KANAWHA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

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CATHY S. GATSON, CLERK KANAWHA COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

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Defendants.)))

ORDER GRANTING ADMISSIONS PRO HAC VICE FOR RONALD W. FLOWERS, JR.

Pursuant to the Motion for Admissions *Pro Hac Vice* of Ronald W. Flowers, Jr., it is hereby **ORDERED** that said Motion is **GRANTED** and that Ronald W. Flowers, Jr., is admitted to practice *pro hac vice* as counsel for Defendants in this civil action.

The Clerk is hereby directed to forward attested copies of this Order to all counsel of record.

ENTERED this | day of ttta, 2018.

Judge Tod J. Kaufman

Prepared by:

Raj A. Shah (WV Bar #11269)

Hendrickson & Long, PLLC

P.O. Box 11070

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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF KANAWIN, SS
I. CATHYS, GATSON, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SAID COUNTY
AND IN SAID STATE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING
IS A TRUE COPY, ROM THE RECORDS OF SAID COURT

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CIRCUIT OF ICANAWHA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

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AMBER D. HALL,

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Defendants.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Raj A. Shah, do hereby certify that the foregoing NOTICE TO TAKE DEPOSITION has been served on all counsel of record by depositing true and exact copies thereof, via EMAIL and/or United States mail, with first-class postage prepaid and properly addressed on this 27th day of June, 2019, as follows:

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Ronald W. Flowers, Jr., Esquire Burr & Forman, LLP 420 north 20th Street Suite 3400 Birmingham, Alabama 35203

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NOTICE OF SCHEDULING CONFERENCE

NOTICE IS PROVIDED, that a Scheduling Conference has been set on Judge Kaufman's Docket for Friday, January 17, 2020, presiding at 9:15 a.m. or shortly thereafter.

You are hereby provided with NOTICE to be present and protect you interest at said scheduled conference hearing.

AMBER D. HALL, By Counsel,

D. Adrian Hoosier, II

West Virginia State Bar Identification Number: 10013

Hoosier Law Firm, PLLC 213 Hale Street, Suite 100

Charleston, West Virginia 25301

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, D. Adrian Hoosier, II, counsel for Plaintiff, Larry Dodrill, do hereby certify that I have served the foregoing *NOTICE OF SCHEDULING CONFERENCE*. a true and exact copy this 22nd day of November, 2019, to the following person, via facsimile, at 304-346-5515:

Hendrickson & Long, PLLC
Attention:
Raj A. Shah
214 Capitol Street
Post Office Box 11070
Charleston, West Virginia 25339

D. Adrian Hoosier, II (WV Bar #10013)

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SCHEDULING ORDER

The following shall apply to and govern the above captioned action and activities conducted in connection with it. In the absence of a specific date or deadline for a given activity, it is anticipated that such activity will be scheduled and conducted within a reasonable time prior to trial and prior to any scheduled activity that should logically precede it.

The parties may not amend, modify or adjust <u>any</u> provision of this order except by leave of the Court.

1.	Trial Date: OC+Oper 5th, 2000 Time: 900
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3.	Discovery Completed on or before: AAy 31,2020 June 12020
4.	Plaintiffs to identify expert witnesses by: MACCA / ZOZO
5.	Defendants to disclose expert witnesses by: April / 7020
6.	All parties to identify fact witnesses by: Feb. 14 2020
7.	All independent medical examinations, physical or scientific tests or similar examinations, tests or studies shall be conducted by: MACL 1 ZOZO
8.	Third party complaints to be filed and served on or before: MACCA 1 ZOZO
9.	Mediation to be completed by: June 30, 2020
1	ALL clients, including a person with settlement authority, shall appear at the Pretrial Conference. The Court does further Order that a certified copy of this Order be sent to all parties or counsel of
record.	
	Entered this 17th day of Annay 2020. Tod J. Kaufman Judge RFLowdes@Burr.com
	Plaintiff's Counsel or Party if unrepresented Defendant's Counsel or Party if unrepresented
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, D. Adrian Hoosier, II, Counsel for Plaintiff, Amber Hall, certifies the foregoing "Plaintiff's First Set of Interrogatories and Requests For Production of Documents" by sending a true exact copy this 11th day of February 2020, by United States mail, postage prepaid, to the following:

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AMBER D. HALL,

Plaintiff,

v.

GESTAMP WEST VIRGINIA, LLC, BARRY HOLSTEIN, KENNETH SUPRENANT & SCOTT HUGHES,

Civil Action No. 18-C-526 Judge: Tod J. Kaufman

Defendant.

DEFENDANTS' FACT WITNESS LIST

Defendants Gestamp West Virginia, LLC, Kenneth Suprenant and Scott Hughes submit the following as their Fact Witness List pursuant to the Court's Scheduling Order:

- 1. Antoine Anderson
- 2. Jason Barrett
- 3. Chris Groom
- 4. Erica Haynes
- 5. Barry Holstein
- 6. Scott Hughes
- 7. Bonnie Kerola
- 8. Justin Lavender
- 9. Paul Lezanic
- 10. Rusty Mosberger
- 11. Nancy Paxton
- 12. Billy Ray
- 13. Scott Rogers

- 14. Donald Smith
- 15. Will Smith
- 16. Carolyn Starcher
- 17. Kenneth Suprenant
- 18. Stephen Thomas
- 19. Walter Thomas
- 20. Any witnesses needed for rebuttal or impeachment
- 21. Any witnesses listed by Plaintiff

Defendants reserve the right to amend this list and/or add additional witnesses to this list as they become known to Defendants.

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I, Raj A. Shah, counsel for defendants, do hereby certify that on the 14th day of February, 2020, a true and exact copy of the foregoing "DEFENDANTS' FACT WITNESS LIST" was served upon counsel of record listed below, by placing the same in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

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